

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

15. (Currently amended) A computer-executable method of processing financial instrument information substantially in real time, the method including the steps of:

- (a) receiving incoming stochastic data records from any of a plurality of disparate systems relating to a financial instrument;
- (b) converting the incoming stochastic data records into a common data format substantially in real time;
- (c) consolidating the converted stochastic data records by storing the data records on a consolidated database in conformance with a predefined standard;
- (d) receiving data inquiries requesting information from the consolidated database; and
- (e) in response to the received data inquiry, providing real time access to the requested information from the consolidated database;

wherein, on an ongoing basis, incoming stochastic data records are received regarding at least one of financial transaction position changes, financial transaction lots and cash balances, and cost bases for each of a plurality of transaction positions and lots; and

~~The method of claim 7~~ wherein step (c) is performed by updating a consolidated database that is structured according to a relational database model that relates information pertaining to settled and forecast financial transactions, financial instruments, customers, counterparties, employees, organizational units, and financial institutions.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 further including the step of providing a library of business objects for facilitating access to the consolidated database according to any of a plurality of subjects including accounts, customers, positions, stocks, bonds, derivatives, financial transactions, and counterparties to a specified financial transaction, irrespective of the manner in which information is physically arranged on the consolidated database.

Claims 17-22 (Canceled).